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Subject: Water vs. CO2

Mr. Pruitt,

Paraphrasing your speech at CPAC, you said that the prior administration's focus on CO2 has come at the expense of "state-based issues" such as clean water in Oregon related to a nuclear power plant in Washington.

Water issues are certainly important. With all due respect, though, Sir, if the issue spans two states it is a national issue and not a state one.

The prior administration focused on CO2 because it is the single most vital, highest risk, most serious problem we face bar none. I disagree that the focus can be taken away from CO2 and I disagree that the Clean Power Plan and its regulations -- which simultaneously create cleaner air -- should be "rolled back."

I have what may be the most severe form of asthma known. Medications for me cost anywhere from \$60,000 to over \$100,000 a year -- that's before the doctor's visits, the pulmonary function tests, the ER visits and the lost work days, and it doesn't count the pure suffering of staring what may be your last breath. When you roll back control of greenhouse gases like CO2, particulates, and methane, it will impact the health of anyone under the age of 21, anyone with lung disease, and anyone with diabetes, and that most surely includes me. The fact that you can spread these medical costs -- \$100,000 here for me and \$50,000 across the street for the child with asthma -- doesn't make it right for me or anyone else to have to pay in dollars and lost health for the pollution that lines the pockets of your friends.

President Trump is, at the same time, working to dismantle Obamacare.

This puts people like me right in the crosshairs: Worse health due to worse air and no health care available at any cost. I am one of the people who may die, one of these days, from your wish to increase the use of carbon-based fuels. The pollution from Oklahoma spreads east on the wind to Maine, where I live. It is false to assert that Oklahoma's air isn't my issue -- it is precisely what lands me in the ER here in Maine.

The Clean Power Plan and all its rules ought to be left in place, and then gradually strengthened.

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